

# Collection and Sending of Enteric Pathogens

## Supplies Needed for Enteric Pathogens



Enteric Vial  
Zorb Sheet  
Plastic Ziplock Bag



Wooden Spatula



Aluminum Can with  
Biohazard label  
\*Ensure rubber gasket is in lid



Laboratory Form 219



Outer Can with Lid

## Collection of Specimen

**DO NOT DISCARD LIQUID IN THE VIAL**

1) Make sure two identifiers are on the specimen vial and name is correct on the lab slip.

**L-label preferred**

2) Fill out lab form completely.

1) Pass stool into a clean container or onto a clean piece of paper.

2) Using the wooden spatula, add a portion of stool about the size of a small marble to the vial and emulsify.

3) If sending a swab, place in the liquid and break off into the vial.

## Packaging and Shipping

- 1) Place sample vial back into ziploc bag with Zorb sheet.
- 2) Place ziploc bag inside the aluminum can and tighten lid.
- 3) Wrap lab form around outside of aluminum can and place inside the outer can. Address label should be on the outside of the outer can. Specimen must be mailed to KY Public Health Lab on the day of collection.

